

GERMAN ONRUSH HALTED BY ALLIES

Flanking Movement Checked By Determined Resistance.

LOST GROUND IS RECOVERED

Allies Successfully Resume Powerful Offensive at the Hinge of the Battle Line North of the Oise—General Joffre Profiting by Lessened German Strength in the Center—Operations in France.

Paris, Oct. 8.—Although the allies, in their thrust toward Belgium and their attempt to cut Von Kluck's communications, have been pressed somewhat westward and toward the coast, they have nevertheless fought their way to within a step of the Belgium frontier, maintaining all the while an unbroken line along the German west flank.

Attempting a counter flanking movement, the Germans, with large forces of cavalry, sought to head off the northern advance of the allies and get between them and the coast cities. They struck at Arrmentieres and toward Lens, but were halted by determined resistance.

While these cavalry engagements were in progress between contending flanking forces, the allies resumed a powerful offensive at the hinge of the battle line north of the Oise, and were successful in recouping ground lost in previous days. There were forward movements by the French in the center of the line, presumably from Rheims to the ridge of the Argonne. In this quarter the Germans had weakened their forces in order to support Von Kluck and to launch a flanking movement of their own.

There is reason to suppose that General Joffre is now profiting by lessened German strength in the center. The official communiqué issued by the government reads: "Except on the wings, where the German attacks have been repulsed, calm is nearly complete along the whole line. On our left wing the German cavalry has been held north of Lille, to which point it was previously repulsed. Between Chaumes and Roye, ground previously lost has been retaken. At the center we have advanced in certain parts. There is nothing new on our right wing."

BOMBARDMENT IMMINENT

All Noncombatants Ordered to Leave the City of Antwerp.

Ostend, Belgium, Oct. 7.—The burgo-master of Antwerp warned all non-combatants to leave the city, as a bombardment was about to occur. It was announced that the warning was simply to spare the inhabitants the dangers of a bombardment and that the defense was continuing with success.

Winston Churchill, British lord of the admiralty, was said to be in Antwerp for the purpose of conferring with the Belgian general staff on methods of defense. The German attack on the forts has slackened somewhat.

German Warships Sunk.

London, Oct. 8.—A German torpedo boat destroyer was torpedoed by the British submarine E-9 off an estuary of the river Ems and sank in a few minutes. The majority of the crew were rescued. A dispatch from Tokyo reports that the German cruiser Cormorant and two German gunboats had been sunk in Kiauchau bay by the Japanese.

SIX HUNDRED LIVES LOST

Six Austrian Torpedo Boats Blown Up by Mines.

London, Oct. 8.—More than 600 men, officers and crew, lost their lives when six Austrian warships were sunk by contact with submarine mines off the coast of Dalmatia, in the Adriatic sea. Four torpedo boats and two torpedo boat destroyers which were scouting for the Anglo-French fleet went to the bottom within a few minutes after striking the explosives, which are believed to have been placed by the Austrian government.

EXCEED 300,000

French Losses Up to and Including the Battle of the Marne.

New York, Oct. 5.—A letter received by a New York physician from a reputable source in France contains the startling information that the French losses (killed, wounded and prisoners) for the six weeks' fighting up to and including the battle of the Marne were slightly over 300,000, perhaps 310,000, exclusive of the English losses, which, the writer says, "have been fairly large in comparison to the small number of their engaged army."

Steel Nets No Protection to Warships.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 8.—From a test that was made here under the direction of Commander John K. Robinson, in charge of the torpedo station, and watched by various ordnance experts of the navy, it would seem as though steel nets were no protection to battleships and other war craft against torpedo attacks.

Lecture at Neptune

Rev. Button, of Dayton, will give a stereopticon lecture at the township hall at Neptune Monday night, October 12, for the benefit of Neptune Church of God.

FIVE TOWNS WILL GET FARM INSTITUTES

Five Farmer's Institutes have been granted this county for the coming institute season by the Agricultural Commission of Ohio. The assignments for the county, together with the speakers for each meeting are as follows:

St. Henry—February 12 and 13, Blackford, Jennings and Mrs. Durbin. Chattanooga—February 15 and 16, Blackford, Gable and Mrs. Durbin. Ft. Recovery—February 21 and 22, Farnsworth, Gable and Mrs. Durbin. Neptune—February 26 and 27, Blackford, Durbin and Mrs. Durbin.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

Christ Heiser and Miss Frances Fox, prominent young people of Coldwater, were united in marriage at the Catholic church at Coldwater, last Monday morning at eight o'clock. The young people were attended by a brother and sister of the bride. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Heiser, and is employed in his father's garage. He is well known in this city having been a nominee in the Grothman garage. The bride is a daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Heiser Fox and is an accomplished young lady.

His bride is on a honeymoon visit this week with Fred McKee, St. Mary's, who is stopping with Mrs. John Graybill, South Wayne street. Mrs. McKee was formerly Miss Rita Petrie, of Toledo. The marriage occurred September 26, 1914, in Toledo. They will reside in St. Paris, Ohio, where Mr. McKee is identified with a drug store. Friends extend best wishes—St. Mary's Argus.

The bride was formerly a resident of this city where she is well known. Announcements have been received by relatives and friends here of the approaching marriage of Miss Emma Lewis, of Dayton, a former Celina girl, to Clifford Frey, a young clothier of the Gen. City. The ceremony will take place at Dayton on October 15. Miss Lewis is well known in this city and east of town being a graduate of the Celina High School.

Albert R. Clark, of Mendon, and Miss Nellie Lawson, of this place, were united in marriage last Thursday morning by Rev. A. H. Roebuck, of Van Wert. Miss Lawson is a daughter of Wm. Lawson and wife of this city. They will reside in Mendon—Ohio City News.

Walter I. Roop and Grace Hildbold, well known young people living near Ft. Recovery, were united in marriage last Wednesday morning at the Catholic church last Sunday morning. The wedding will take place on October 29.

DRYS MAKING THE WELKIN RING

L. A. Bookwalter, of Trotwood, O., has been secured to make a number of temperance addresses in the county and has been assigned to the following places:

Coldwater, Saturday night, October 10. Ash Grove church, Sunday night, October 11.

Meeting at Chattanooga

The young temperance campaigners of Center township will give an entertainment at the Evangelical church at Chattanooga to-morrow (Saturday) evening. The program will be interspersed with music. A lecture will be given at the close. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy an evening of pleasure and profit.

A favorite argument of those who favor saloons, and the one they think most convincing, is that dry territory is overrun with boot-leggers. They fail to note the number of cases of boot-legging in the cities since the new license law went into effect. The number of saloons, if the argument is sound reason against voting the state dry—which it is not—it is equally sound against the licensed saloon. The attempt to limit the number of saloons has been followed by boot-legging. Any attempt to restrict the sale of drink will have to contend with the boot-legger. The liquor interests, however, are not now so vociferous about boot-legging as they were before they got the license law they howled so long for. They are reminded once more that the laws against stealing and murder are not going to be repealed because stealing and murder are ten-tenths of which is directly or indirectly caused by drink, is still rampant in the land.

WILL HEAR MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL ON MONDAY

Judge Mathers, of Sidney, will be in Celina Monday to hear the motion for a new trial in the case of LeVan Baker who was tried and found guilty two weeks ago of the murder of Wilber Phillips. Baker's attorneys filing a motion for a new trial at the conclusion of the case.

He will also render his decision in the case of George Schmalsteg vs. the County Commissioners.

Asks For \$5,000.

Zanesville, O., Oct. 6.—While she was riding on a Zanesville and Western train last February, Mary Bradley says the temperature was down to zero in the car and her feet were frozen. Today she sued the railroad for \$5,000 for alleged negligence in not keeping the cars heated.

Insane Woman Kills Child.

Steuensville, O., Oct. 8.—Mrs. Maud Schilling became violently insane at her home in Wierton, W. Va., near here, and killed her eight-year-old daughter Mary. She attempted to shoot a policeman who ran to the house and, failing, tried to shoot herself, but was disarmed.

Double Tragedy.

Steuensville, O., Oct. 7.—Emanuel Matonek, a druggist of Pittsburgh, killed himself in a hotel here after shooting his companion, Mrs. Charles Proskowitz, who is alleged to have come with him from that city. She was taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

THE DEMOCRAT and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one full year for \$3.00.

RIVAL ARMIES IN COLLISION

Germans and Austrians Engaging Russian Legions.

SILESIA THE PRIZE OF VICTORY

Whole Region of Northwest Galicia and Southwest Poland the Scene of Hard Fought Battles—Germans Abandon Efforts to Carry the War Into North Poland—Russian General Staff Announces Victories.

London, Oct. 8.—The extent of Russia's offensive operations against Germany was admitted in dispatches from Berlin. Abandoning all efforts to carry the war into north Poland, the Germans have fallen back to strong defensive positions along the East Prussia frontier. In the south, a German column which attempted by forced marches to advance from Cracow and strike the Russian flank beyond the Dunajec river, in Galicia, was repulsed at the Vistula and driven back with heavy losses.

The whole region of northwest Galicia and southwest Poland is the scene of hard fought battles between the Russians and Austro-German forces, with Cracow and Silesia as the prize of victory. The advance guards of the main Russian armies, proceeding along the north bank of the Vistula, are in collision with the Germans and Austrians near Sandomir and Opotow.

The official announcement issued in St. Petersburg by the general staff was as follows:

"On the East Prussian frontier the Germans, having brought up reinforcements from Königsberg, continue to oppose a tenacious resistance upon the battle front of Vladislavoff and Ratchka, profiting by the defiles, lakes and marshes in the region of Tchernogaja. Beyond the Vistula advance guard battles have occurred in the region of Opotow and Sandomir. In the Carpathians, west of the river Sanok, an Austrian detachment was defeated and machine guns and prisoners captured. At Saliva, twenty kilometers from the city of Munkacs, we have captured an artillery park and numerous convoys."

Regarding the operations along the East Prussian frontier, which resulted in defeat to the Germans, a dispatch from Berlin via The Hague states that bad weather and the great strength of the Russian offensive compelled the Germans to assume strictly a defensive movement. They abandoned the bombardment of the fortress of Osowolec, in Russian Poland, and are attempting to hold the Russians in check from heavily entrenched positions near Prostokien. It is stated that the fighting at Augustow and Suwalki was most sanguinary. The German machine guns finally turned the tide of battle. The slaughter of German artillerymen was terrific.

GERMAN POSSESSION SEIZED BY JAPANESE

Island of Jaluit in Pacific Occupied Without Fight.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The concern caused here by the announcement from Tokyo of the seizure by Japan of Jaluit island, in the group of the Marshall islands of the Pacific, was somewhat allayed by assurances from both Tokyo and the Japanese embassy that the step was merely one of military necessity and not to be regarded as indicating permanent occupation by Japan. Jaluit island is just about midway between Hawaii and the Philippines.

Japan says that the seizure of Jaluit island was essential for the protection of British and Japanese commerce. It was said that a few German cruisers have been playing havoc with both Japanese and British commerce in the Pacific, and the belief of the British and Japanese governments has been that the enemy's cruisers were using Jaluit as a base.

The island of Jaluit is the seat of German government in the Marshall Islands. It is contained in some quarter here that the seizure of the island is in violation of the announcement by the Japanese foreign office at the beginning of the war that Japanese activities would be confined to the far east.

The Japanese fleet met with no resistance, and destroyed the military establishment at Jaluit and seized the munitions of war. It also liberated a British merchant ship and Japanese prisoner held at Jaluit.

Essad Pasha Installed.

Durazzo, Oct. 6.—The Albanian senate has designated Essad Pasha president of the government of Albania. Essad Pasha's force of 10,000 Albanian troops who accompanied him in his entry into the capital are now occupying strategic positions throughout the city.

Wanted to Trade

Wanted to trade fine new piano for good horse. Inquire at 119 E. Livingston street, Celina, O.

Remember dates of Gov. Cox's tour.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chapman were at Youngstown this week attending a meeting of the Grand Chapter R.A.M.

Mrs. Herman Miller and Mrs. C. F. Boudell, of Bucyrus, and the guests of George and Chris Kistler and families.

Ex-Speaker R. J. Vining, who was operated upon last Thursday night for appendicitis, is getting along very nicely.

J. J. Martin and his grandson, Harmon Martin, of Montpelier, Indiana, left Monday afternoon for St. Cloud, Florida, to spend the winter.

Christopher Schunk left the first of the week for Rome City, Ind., where he will possibly spend the winter at the Sanitorium in that city.

J. H. Bowers has moved his family to this city from Coldwater. Mr. Bowers has accepted a position in the Bowers barber shop on West Fayette street.

The Celina Business College have moved from the Riley building into the I. O. O. F. temple, W. D. Dowden, of Ferre Haute, Ind., has been chosen as manager.

The little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Secher, West Anthony street, fell from the porch at their home in this city last Tuesday. She is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. W. H. Dibble, who was operated upon at a hospital at Columbus last week for appendicitis, is returning to her home in this city last Tuesday. She is getting along very nicely.

Meyer & Allen, of Celina, well known tailors, were here Tuesday looking after business going from Celina to Williamsport and Decatur, where they have a large number of customers—Ohio City News.

The Citizens Bank have moved into the Celina Bank building. The room, one door south of their bank building, and will make their headquarters there while it is undergoing extensive improvements.

Gladya, the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Siler, who was operated upon Friday evening by Dr. Cordier Otis and Ayers for appendicitis, is getting along very nicely. Miss Myrtle Loughbridge has charge of the case.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TEACH

Following is the list of questions as prepared under direction of the state superintendent of public instruction and submitted at the county examination for teachers Oct. 3 for elementary school certificates:

1. Should old wood be allowed to rot or be burned? Why? What elements of fertility does it contain?
2. At what time is it best to trim orchards? Why?
3. One farmer's butter is too white; another's does not taste sweet; another's has big salt crystals in it. What are some suggestions you would make to remedy each defect?
4. What would you raise in a school garden and why?
5. What are the principal points to be observed in grading an ear of corn?
6. Through what stages of life do insects pass? Mention some most injurious in the first stage, and others most injurious in the third stage.
7. What would be a good daily winter feed for a horse?
8. What elements of soil fertility are most frequently deficient in your neighborhood? How are they supplied?

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

(Take two of the groups below entire.)

Group A. (Based on Pearson's The Evolution of the Teacher.)

1. Explain and illustrate, "Skill does not come by doing alone."
2. What aid is secured from books by one seeking professional growth?
3. How can a teacher prevent "waste" by skill in assigning a lesson?
4. What are some of the things we should keep in mind if we would have a child really learn?

Group B. (Based on Betts and Hall's Better Rural Schools.)

1. What is one of the best ways of measuring the efficiency of a school?
2. Why is the town school not usually the best school for pupils living in the country?
3. Show the need of teaching hygiene in rural schools.
4. What is one of the worst faults of the "old" school curriculum?

Group C. (Based on no particular text.)

1. Why has the frequency of punishment in schools diminished? Should it diminish still more? Why?
2. What is correct theory and practice regarding reward?
3. How should a teacher get his enrollment and classify pupils the opening day? (State what sort of school you teach.)
4. Why should a teacher welcome the visits of the district superintendent? If he gives no criticism, or suggestions, what should the teacher do? Can the teacher get value from the district superintendent in other ways?

UNITED STATES HISTORY.

1. Mention some occasions on which our country has shown its intention to avoid foreign entanglements?
2. Upon what terms did we take the Philippines? Hawaii?
3. What interests have usually opposed duties on imports and why? What was the source of agitation in favor of free silver in 1895 and 1896?
4. Mention the occasions of three of the worst Union defeats in the Civil War.
5. What are some of the definite duties that have been given by our government to the construction and improvement of rail, water and wagon highways?
6. What financial measures established our government on a firm basis during Washington's first term?
7. Describe the dealings of the United States with pirates.
8. What states were in the Union in 1850? Who was the President? What were the methods of transportation? What questions were interesting the people? Were the telegraph and telephone in use? The reser? The type-writer? Where was the center of population?

ARITHMETIC.

1. If a tax duplicate of \$2,800 should produce a certain sum on a rate of .015, at what rate will a duplicate of \$12,400 produce the same sum?
2. A soldier with a full outfit carries these weights: rifle, 20 lb.; blanket, 15 lb.; food, 10 lb.; water, 2 lb.; empty luggage, 8 lb. Of a command of 1000 men, 6 per cent. have no rifles, 25 per cent. no blankets, 50 per cent. no food, 80 per cent. no water and 10 per cent. no outfit.

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BUSY WEEK WITH COMMISSIONERS

Ditch Matters Constitute Bulk of Work Under Consideration—Bills Allowed.

The Board ordered that ditch assessments be placed as follows:

Springer ditch, half in December, 1914 and half in June, 1915, with 25 per cent added.

King and Robbins ditch, all in December, 1915, with 10 per cent added.

Wm. Howell was granted an extension of twenty days time to complete Little Bluff ditch.

The Board after examining the assessment and report of the engineer on Section 1 of the Adams pike and on the 19-20 pike, found same in all respects fair and just and confirmed same.

The Board confirmed the report and appointment of the engineering board on the Lampsy ditch found same not in all respects fair and just and ordered some changes made. The appointment was then confirmed.

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COUNTY TEACHERS' FIRST BI-MONTHLY MEET OCT. 17

The first bi-monthly meeting of the Mercer County Teachers' Association will be held in the West School Building in this city, October 17. Two prominent instructors will be present.

The ladies aid society of the M. E. Church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Miller, 111 E. Main street, for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of a new piano for the church.

Raymond Taylor, who for sometime past has been the assistant fireman at the electric light and water works plant, left the first of the week for Ada, where he has accepted a position as assistant fireman in the electric light plant at that city. Ned Fisher has accepted the position as assistant fireman at the local plant.

Barn Goes Up in Smoke

A barn on the Henry Schlarman farm, six miles south east of Ft. Recovery, was destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon. Only a portion of the contents were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

REVIEW OF THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT

In regard to the great battle of the Aisne, which has entered upon its fourth week, there is only a single point on which the French and German reports agree, and that is that General Von Kluck, commander of the German right wing, still is going northward, though at a snail's pace, and that he is so powerful General Joffre has been obliged to admit that the German commander has been able to make a French detachment debouching from Arras to fall back.

The Germans have continued their series of desperate attacks on the French left wing, and on the center crown prince's army, which includes the Sixteenth corps, has attempted to advance through the wood of La Grurie. But in all of these endeavors, according to French accounts, the Germans have been repulsed; the crown prince's army even has been driven back toward the north a matter of perhaps a mile or two.

In Belgium, however, the Germans have been more successful, for the Belgian legation admits that on the east of the river Sene the Belgian forces defending Antwerp, after a desperate resistance of five days, have been obliged to fall back to the river Nethe, so terrific has been the German artillery fire.

The latest official communication from Petrograd describes the battle of Augustow, in Russian Poland, as developing into one of extreme violence, the Germans supplementing their artillery fire with furious counter attacks. In an encounter between the First division of the German cavalry and Russian cavalry the Germans are reported to have been routed with great loss, carrying their infantry along with them. The Russians have occupied Ragrod, Kalvary and Mariampol, in Poland. The Russian emperor has left the capital for the war zone. The German emperor is now said to be at Thorn, West Prussia, close to the Russian frontier.

The government reports indicate that the really great battle is being fought at Cracow, where unnumbered Russian force is attacking the Germans and Austrians there united in immense strength.

The French government on Oct. 5 issued a statement to the effect that the allies had been compelled to give ground following furious attacks of the German right, north of the Oise river. The statement added, however, that the battle so far has been indecisive. The allies are striking hard at three separate points on the German right flank.

An official report from the German army headquarters says that in the siege of Antwerp the forts of Liere, Daelhem and Koensghove, and the

DENNIS BAKER TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

Dennis Baker, recently convicted in the Common Pleas Court for his connection with the murder of Wilbur Phillips, a Lima man, on a L. E. & W. freight train east of this city, on the night of November 29 last, was taken to the State penitentiary at Columbus Wednesday. He was taken to St. Marys by Sheriff Fisher in an automobile to catch the morning T. O. C. train, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Betz, Philip Linn and Chas. Creeden. At St. Marys he placed in the custody of Messrs. Betz and Creeden, who landed their prisoner at the Pen without incident, to begin an indeterminate sentence of one to twenty years for manslaughter.

TOUR OF COUNTY BY THE GOVERNOR

To Be Made October 20, When He Will Visit Several Towns.

Governor Cox will visit Celina, Rockford, Coldwater, St. Henry and Maria Stein on October 20. He will begin his day's campaigning at the latter place at 9:45 a. m., reaching St. Henry at 10:45, Coldwater at 11:45, Celina at 12:50 and leave for Rockford at 2:30.

Secured Jobs For 40,000.

Columbus, Oct. 5.—More than 40,000 men and women are placed in positions annually by the free employment bureau maintained by the state in the five largest cities of Ohio. This is about one-sixth of the number who make applications. The number of requests for help is about 50,000, so that the total of persons placed in positions is about four-fifths of the number of openings.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Maria J. Toward, aged 84 years, died early last Friday morning at the home of her nephew, John M. Thomas, at Napoleon, following a lingering illness of dropsy. Deceased was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1830. She was twice married, but both husbands have preceded her in death. Two adopted children survive.

Louise Lore, the eight month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hamilton, of Mordun, died on the 3rd following a few hours illness of cholera infantum.

Naomi Evangelina, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, died last Monday following a few weeks' illness of cholera infantum. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Duell church.

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Intermediate redoubts, with thirty guns, have been taken.

An official statement on the operations in the eastern war zone reads: "In Russia, after a battle which lasted ten days, the German army which was operating between the eastern Prussian front and the Niemen river has been driven back along the entire line and made to retreat, abandoning a considerable quantity of war material. This army has evacuated completely the territory of the Russian provinces of Suwalki and Lonia."

The battle front on the right flank of the German army, where the allied British and French troops are pounding away with unceasing attacks, is steadily becoming greater, according to an official statement issued at Paris Oct. 6. It is extending toward the north and northwest. Large masses of German cavalry have appeared near Lille. This indicates that Germans, too, are engaged in a counter flanking movement, by which they hope to turn back the allies' attack. North of the Oise the action is growing more violent. The allies have made slight progress on the right bank of the Aisne and on the heights of the Meuse.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, saw half a million men engaged in the great double flanking movements in northwestern France, with the Germans pressing forward in an effort to cut off and surround the French troops near Arras and Douai. This enterprise, which was begun last week, is being pushed with the utmost vigor by the invaders. The allies were evidently taken by surprise because they thought the Germans did not have enough reserve troops for such an audacious attempt. The new German army, which has been pushed northward from Belgium, holds a strong position north of the battle line. The hardest fighting is still along the western end of the battle line. The battle of the Aisne has been raging for twenty-five days and the end is not in sight.

Germans are bombarding Antwerp with increasing violence. All civilians have been warned to leave the city. St. Petersburg reports that the Russian troops have crossed the frontier and invaded East Prussia in pursuit of a large German force said to have been defeated in a sanguinary engagement. A great Austro-German army